

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 08690 261517Z

43

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EB-07 OES-06 SS-15 AGR-10 LAB-04 HEW-06

HUD-02 DOTE-00 TRSE-00 AID-05 NAS-01 NSF-02 OPIC-06

FAA-00 ERDA-07 NSC-05 /087 W
----- 003133

R 261310Z AUG 76

FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO USDOC WASHDC

SECSTATE WASHDC 8824

UNCLAS TEHRAN 8690

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: USIRJC, BEXP

SUB: DISCUSSIONS WITH ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRMAN ON U.S. TRADE CENTER

REF: STATE 207451

1. SUMMARY. TC DIRECTOR DAHMLOW DISCUSSED TRADE CENTER PROBLEMS WITH SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE SHORAKA AUGUST 15. SHORAKA AGREED TO TAKE UP PROCEDURAL QUESTION WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE/CUSTOMS AND PROMISED REPLY WITHIN "A FEW WEEKS." WE SEE SOME MOVEMENT ON ISSUE IN LIGHT OF SUBSEQUENT NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TO TRADE CENTER. RECOMMEND UNDER SECRETARY VETTER DEFER DIALOGUE WITH SHORAKA PENDING RESULTS OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NEXT USTC SHOW. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING SCHEDULED WITH SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE SHORAKA AUGUST 15 BUT DUE TO HIS INITIAL ABSENCE, TC DIRECTOR DAHMLOW DISCUSSED ENTIRE TC QUESTION WITH HIS ASSISTANT, NOWZARI. FOLLOWING THIS, A SHORT DISCUSSION WAS THEN HELD WITH SHORAKA, WHO HAD BECOME AVAILABLE. HE SAID A REPLY CAN BE EXPECTED "IN A FEW WEEKS" BUT WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT IT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE DAHMLOW'S DEPARTURE.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 08690 261517Z

3. WHILE SHORAKA SAW NO OBJECTION TO SALE OF PRODUCTS DISPLAYED AT EXHIBITIONS HE DID HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE WAY WE HOPED THE MATTER WOULD BE HANDLED BY CUSTOMS. HE SAID HE WOULD TALK TO CUSTOMS ABOUT IT.

4. IN A FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 22 WITH NOWZARI WE WERE TOLD THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES AND THAT SHORAKA WOULD AGAIN BE REMINDED ABOUT A REPLY TO US.

5. RE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, EMBASSY'S MOST RECENT NOTE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GIVES THEM LIST OF EXHIBITORS AND PRODUCTS TO BE DISPLAYED IN OCTOBER SHOW. COPIES OF THIS NOTE AND PRECEDING ONE ARE BEING AIR POUCHED. ALTHOUGH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS NOT RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY'S NOTE, THEY DID SEND MEMO TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND COPY TO IRANIAN CUSTOMS WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. FROM: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WITH REFERENCE OUR LETTER NO. 5456/10 DATED JULY 20, 1976, ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND COPY OF THE NOTE NO. 566 DATED AUGUST 1, 1976, FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY AT TEHRAN WITH ENCLOSURES REGARDING HOLDING BUSINESS SYSTEMS EXHIBITION AT THE US TRADE CENTER FROM OCTOBER 10-14, 1976, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CUSTOMS TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION. (PARAGRAPH) AS REQUESTED IN OUR LETTER NO. 5456 DATED JULY 20, 1976 AND CONSIDERING THE US EMBASSY'S GUARANTEE, PLEASE SEE THAT THE COMMODITIES UNDER EXHIBITION ARE FORWARDED TO THE US TRADE CENTER ACCOMPANIED WITH AN OFFICIAL FROM MEHRABAD CUSTOMS AND THAT THE GOODS ARE INSPECTED AT THE CENTER. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. COPY TO IRAN CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION WITH COPY OF EMBASSY'S NOTE. UNQUOTE

6. ON AUGUST 23, TC RECEIVED MEMO FROM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE TO: U.S. TRADE CENTER, P.O. BOX 50, TEHRAN. FROM: MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE APPROVES THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS INTO IRAN UNDER TEMPORARY PERMIT BY THE TRADE CENTER FOR EXHIBITIONS, AND TO DATE HAS ALSO APPROVED REQUESTS FOR PERMANENT CLEARANCE OF SOME OF THESE IMPORTED GOODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IMPORT-EXPORT REGULATIONS. IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE INFORMED, PLEASE ADVISE UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS THE OWNERS OF THE GOODS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXHIBITION SELL THEIR GOODS TO THE RECIPIENTS SO THAT THE SUBJECT MAY BE INVESTIGATED. ALI REZA UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TEHRAN 08690 261517Z

AROOZI, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE. UNQUOTE.

7. TC WILL REPLY THAT PERMANENT IMPORT REGULATIONS WILL BE OBSERVED ACCORDING TO IRANIAN LAW.

8. IN VIEW OF EXCHANGE OUTLINED ABOVE AND PRESENTATION OF NOTE REQUESTING FACILITATION FOR NEXT TRADE CENTER SHOW, WE RECOMMEND THAT UNDER SECRETARY VETTER NOT COMMUNICATE WITH SHORAKA

UNTIL WE KNOW OUTCOME OF OUR REQUEST. LANGUAGE OF FURTHER COMMUNICATION WOULD BE SHAPED BY MINISTRY'S RESPONSE. WE WILL ADVISE.
HELMS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976TEHRAN08690
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760326-0520
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760815/aaaaamog.tel
Line Count: 118
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 207451
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cahillha
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 APR 2004 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <28 JAN 2005 by cahillha>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DISCUSSIONS WITH ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN ON U.S. TRADE CENTER
TAGS: BEXP, USIRJC
To: COM
STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006